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 $\P 1.$ (SBU) Acting EconPol Counselor met on June 15 with Silvia Maca, Head of the Ministry of Finance's Export Financing and Promotion Division to inquire about an Austrian response to the U.S. survey on Iran and export credits (reftel). Maca said that the GoA, to her knowledge, had not received the survey. We passed the survey and the U.S. responses to her.

12. (SBU) Maca questioned whether the OECD Export Credit Group (ECG) was the appropriate forum to discuss export credit policies towards Iran. The ECG had historically not served as a policy-influencing body. Maca stressed that the EU was a more suitable venue to discuss export credit policies, especially in a political context. Maca opined that EU Member States would discuss the survey at an upcoming Council Working Group on Export Controls. Kilner